

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 195495
ORIGIN NEA-07

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SS-14 INR-05 SSO-00 INRE-00 PM-03
H-01 L-01 SP-02 PRS-01 /035 R

DRAFTED BY NEA:SSOBER:BDF
APPROVED BY NEA:SSOBER
T - L. BENSON (SUBS)
-----071551 172029Z /61
O 172005Z AUG 77
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 195495

STADIS/////////////////
LIMDIS FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SOBER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, IR, US

SUBJECT: AWACS

REF: TEHRAN 7260

1. YOUR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE WORKING-LEVEL
DRAFT OF THE SIX "ASSURANCES" WERE VERY HELPFUL AND HAVE
BEEN INCORPORATED VIRTUALLY WHOLESAL IN OUR CURRENT DRAFT.

2. WE HAVE BEGUN PROCESS OF INFORMAL CONSULTATION WITH
A FEW SELECTED PEOPLE ON THE HILL IN ORDER TO GET THEIR
REACTION TO OUR DRAFT ASSURANCES. IN THE NEXT DAY OR SO
WE EXPECT TO EXPOSE THE DRAFT INFORMALLY ALSO TO GAO REPS.
IN ADDITION, WE ALSO HAVE VERY MUCH IN MIND THE IMPORTANCE
OF POSITION THAT DCI MIGHT TAKE ON THE ASSURANCES.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 195495

3. WE KNOW THE PROPOSED ASSURANCES WILL HAVE TO BE PUT TO
THE IRANIANS SHORTLY. BEFORE MOVING ON THAT TRACK, WE
THOUGHT IT PRUDENT TO GET SOME UNDERSTANDING ON THE DIMEN-
SIONS OF FORMULATION WHICH WAS LIKELY TO BE ACCEPTABLE
ON THE HILL. IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO GET A FIRM FIX ON
THIS POINT, BUT WE THOUGHT IT DESIRABLE TO TRY TO LIMIT
THE CHANCES THAT WHAT WE PUT TO THE GOI ON PROPOSED

ASSURANCES WOULD THEN HAVE TO BE BOUNCED BACK BECAUSE OF ADVERSE REACTION ON THE HILL.

4. VON MARBOD TOLD US YESTERDAY HE COULD NOT GO TO TEHRAN TO SUPPORT YOUR MISSION IN CARRYING ON THE ASSURANCES DISCUSSIONS WITH TOUFANIAN, AS HE EARLIER PROPOSED. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE ON VON MARBOD IN CONNECTION WITH OTHER WORK. I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH HOWIE FISH TODAY AND EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR BEING ABLE TO MAKE BEST POSSIBLE CASE WITH THE IRANIANS. HOWIE PROMISED TO REVIEW QUESTION OF VON MARBOD'S AVAILABILITY FOR EARLY TRIP TO TEHRAN.

5. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT WE ARE ALSO IMMERSSED IN EFFORT TO COME UP WITH A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF ALTERNATIVE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS FOR IRAN, AS REQUESTED OFFICIALLY BY CONGRESSMAN HAMILTON AND LONG LIST OF SENATORS. BASICALLY THIS MEANS COMPARING THE PROPOSED SYSTEM OF SEVEN AWACS AND A NUMBER OF GROUND RADARS WITH ALTERNATIVES OF E2CS PLUS GROUND RADARS AND ALSO A SYSTEM LIMITED TO GROUND RADARS. A DETAILED COMPARATIVE STUDY SUCH AS HAS BEEN ASKED FOR WOULD REQUIRE GOI COOPERATION AND WOULD HAVE TO EXTEND FAR BEYOND THE COUPLE OF WEEKS MORE BEFORE THE LOA IS TO BE RESUBMITTED. WE HAVE IN MIND DOING A MORE LIMITED STUDY WHICH CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THIS TIME FRAME. ON THIS, AS ON ASSURANCES, DEPARTMENT IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH DOD WHICH NECESSARILY HAS TO CARRY GREAT CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 195495

BULK OF LOAD ON THE TECHNICAL QUESTIONS.

6. THUS WE ARE WORKING ON A NUMBER OF FRONTS AND ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES, DEALING WITH PERSONS WHO MAY BE CONCERNED PARTICULARLY WITH ONE QUESTION OR ANOTHER (E.G., SECURITY), AND SOME WHO SIMPLY DON'T LIKE ANY PART OF THE PROPOSAL, AS WELL AS OTHERS WHO WE HOPE WILL HELP US COME UP WITH A SUCCESSFUL PACKAGE. THE EFFORT IS ENGAGING QUITE A FEW PERSONS ON URGENT BASIS.

7. WE KNOW YOU NEED TO BE KEPT CURRENTLY INFORMED, AND WE WILL TRY TO DO OUR BEST. VANCE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: AWACS, AIR DEFENSE, NEGOTIATIONS, MILITARY SALES, WARNING SYSTEMS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 17-Aug-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 22 May 2009
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE195495
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: SSOBER:BDF
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770297-0410
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770852/aaaabrou.tel
Line Count: 106
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: d9156b59-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN NEA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS, STADIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: LIMDIS, STADIS
Reference: 77 TEHRAN 7260
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 17-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1573915
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: AWACS
TAGS: MASS, IR, US
To: TEHRAN
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/d9156b59-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009